

Drake

Part of topic

KS1

KS2

Think



- Who was Sir Francis Drake?
- What is he remembered for?
- When was he alive?
- What was the name of his ship?

Solve



Elizabeth I had a share of Drake's bounty from his exploration of South America that she invested in a trading company. For every £1 she invested she gained £47 in interest. What percentage was her profit?

Challenge: If she invested £10,000, how much interest would she make and how much would she have in total?

Discover



Fact: Drake left England in 1577 to head a voyage around the world. He took a fleet of five ships plus his own, The Pelican. He returned home three years later.

Question: What did Drake change the name of his ship to? Where can you visit a replica today? Write a short information text about your findings.

Respond



Write a letter from Sir Francis Drake to Elizabeth I telling her about your adventures on your round the world voyage. What have you seen? What have you discovered? What do you think the queen would like to know about your expedition?

Discuss



Drake was celebrated in England as a hero, but he was seen as a pirate by the Spanish. What is the difference between a privateer and a pirate? Was Drake given respectability because he was favoured by the queen? Does this still happen today? Do we excuse our behaviour in the name of patriotism and defence of freedom?

Reimagine



Find a portrait of Drake and paint your own of him. Include things that he is known for in the background and things that were important to him.